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Field Crops

For the week ending December 4, **Cotton** harvest is complete on 83 percent of the acreage compared to 78 percent last year and the five year average of 86 percent. **Cotton** condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest is active on over half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, greens, honeydews, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cantaloupes, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, honeydews, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, miscellaneous melons, parsley, spinach, and other vegetables. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, Navel oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	3	26	48	23
Cotton	0	4	47	39	10
Range and Pasture	29	39	20	10	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton Harvest	83	77	78	86

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending December 3. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Gila Bend to 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Grand Canyon, and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Casa Grande, Douglas, and

Tucson. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at 5 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations. Grand Canyon received the higher amount of precipitation at 0.12 inches and Flagstaff received the lower amount at 0.01 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
November 27 - December 3, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	36	3	64	14	0.00	9.26	8.95
Casa Grande	54	0	78	29	0.00	7.41	8.35
Coolidge	54	-3	76	22	0.00	8.97	8.51
Douglas	48	0	78	16	0.00	11.66	12.79
Flagstaff	32	2	55	5	0.01	24.10	21.26
Gila Bend	58	-4	74	30	0.00	4.38	6.20
Grand Canyon	33	3	57	12	0.12	15.31	15.51
Kingman	46	-2	68	20	0.00	11.11	9.24
Parker	57	-2	73	33	0.00	6.71	4.63
Payson	42	-3	62	13	0.00	22.89	20.47
Phoenix	58	-2	73	40	0.00	7.00	7.45
Prescott Airport	40	1	65	17	0.00	16.29	13.31
Safford Ag Center	47	-2	71	22	0.00	8.09	8.95
Tucson	55	-1	78	28	0.00	9.11	11.14
Willcox	46	0	72	17	0.00	8.57	12.14
Winslow	38	3	70	8	0.00	6.09	7.52
Yuma	59	0	75	44	0.00	5.99	2.62

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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